

B.A.R.G. NEWS

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NEXT MEETING - FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER

At 8.00 pm

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that the Hamvention is over, our next project is the ARDF championships starting 28 Nov 03. These are important and we are looking for volunteers to help on the Saturday through to the following Tuesday to run the radio station at the University so that contestants can try to make calls to their homes etc. Also needed are members to man the various "fox" sites as umpires. This is a worthwhile project for the Club. Most of the requirements must be filled ASAP so please contact me on 0411 138 197.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Our Christmas function is to be a BBQ at the Club rooms on Sunday 14 December 2003 starting at midday. The Club will provide the meat, bread and salads, but we must know numbers by 12 Dec. please let the secretary know the numbers by that time

At our November meeting we will have a small supper as is usual for that meeting as a Christmas function.

DATES

8.00 pm. Note the summer time Club meeting time starting time.

COMMITTEE please note that meetings (3rd Wednesday in the month) will also start at 8.00.

OCTOBER MEETING

The trivia night at the October meeting was a great success and every one enjoyed the night. Thanks to Doug. VK3VBA.

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER

We welcome a new member to the Club; Ron Clarke VK3VRC who lives at Cobden. We hope you have a long and happy association with BARG.

HAMFEST 2003

Once again the annual BARG Hamfest has been a great success despite it being a week later than in past years. The later date bringing it together with the Melbourne Cup weekend has had advantages, one because many people make it a long weekend and there is the "Spring Fest" around the lake for those partner not interested in amateur radio. Financially it was a success despite the increase in some of our costs.

Thanks must go to Ian 3AXH for his organization and all the other Club members who did so much work during the day. Special thanks go to the people who helped with the catering, especially when our pre arranged catering fell through.

Your thoughts on the date for next year are wanted.

WICEN RADIO NET

WICEN members would be welcome to check-in on the net which is held on Tuesday nights at 2130 on 3.60 MHz +/- the usual. The net control is John VK3FJB. As well as a check in there is news of future events and some technical talk.

Mt Ben Nevis Repeater

As many people are aware, we have been having trouble with the repeater at Ben Nevis. Last week a work group went up the mountain to try fix the problem. There may be a fault in the controller and certainly a fault was found in the power supply. The power supply has been brought back to Ballarat for repair, so the repeater is operating off the battery which is being recharged by a trickle charger. If the repeater is not over used, it should cope with all traffic; otherwise it could be off the air for short periods till the battery recharges. It was thought that this was better than the repeater being off the air entirely. In the longer term, the repeater will probably be rebuilt.

FINANCIAL MEMBERS.

Club subs were due by the end of October so if you get this news letter and you have not paid, you are getting a reminder. PLEASE PAY NOW.

CLUB Directory

As published in recent news letters the form below distributed to all members. Most members filled the form in but a few members have paid their subscription without returning the form. The form has been slightly altered to include a position for a mobile phone number. If you would like your mobile included please fill in this for and mark it "Amendment"

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If the Club decided to publish a Club Directory, are you willing to have the above information included? Yes/No. If there is any information you want excluded: please circle Yes/No (Y/N) on each entry above,

NEXT MEETING Friday 28 November 03 at 8.00 pm.

<u>REPEATERS</u>	VK3RBS	(Voice) 147.100	Mt. Ben Nevis
	VK3RBA	(Voice) 146.750	Mt. Buninyong
	VK3RPC	(Packet) 144.750	Mt. Warrenheip
	VK3RBU	(Voice) 438.475	Mt. Hollowback
<u>BEACON</u>	VK3RMB	432.535	Mt. Buninyong.
<u>CLUB NET</u>	VK3BML	3.610 MHz +/- QRM	Thursday nights at 8 pm. (8.30 pm during daylight saving)